

Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

Supervisor's Report on Use of Force

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Incident Information

URN: 917 - 05836 - 0523 - 145		Date: 05/24/17	Time: 1730 hours
Location: Alessandro Avenue		City or Station: Temple City	
Bureau/Station/Facility: Temple Station		Admin. Investigation: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO	
Type of Force: Control Holds/Resistive Handcuffing			
Incident Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3		Deputy Injury: <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO Suspect Injury: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Call		<input type="checkbox"/> Observation	<input type="checkbox"/> Detail
<input type="checkbox"/> Foot Pursuit		<input type="checkbox"/> Vehicle Pursuit	
IAB Notified: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Person Notified: Lt. D. Grall	Emp: [REDACTED]
		IAB Roll Out: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	

Involved Employee

E 1	Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
		Ponce	Christopher	J.	DSG
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: H	Height: 5'07"	Weight: 170	Age: [REDACTED]
		Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Unit of Assignment: Temple Station			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 51		
Individual Force Used: Control Holds, Resistive Handcuffing				Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility: _____				Coroner Case #	

E 2	Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
					DSG
Sex: <input checked="" type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race: W	Height: 5'11"	Weight: 220	Age: [REDACTED]
		Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM	<input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Unit of Assignment: Temple Station			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.): 52		
Individual Force Used: Control Holds, Resistive Handcuffing				Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input checked="" type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility: _____				Coroner Case #	

E	Employee #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank
Sex: <input type="radio"/> M <input type="radio"/> F		Race:	Height:	Weight:	Age:
		Shift: <input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input type="radio"/> PM	<input type="radio"/> Regular Shift <input type="radio"/> OT Shift <input type="radio"/> Off Duty		
Unit of Assignment:			Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		
Individual Force Used:				Individual Category: <input type="radio"/> 1 <input type="radio"/> 2 <input type="radio"/> 3	
<input type="checkbox"/> Injured <input type="checkbox"/> Treated <input type="checkbox"/> Admitted Facility: _____				Coroner Case #	

On Duty Supervisor

Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
	Jove	Julio	C.	Sgt.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Supervisor Completing Investigation						
Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank	Present	Witness to Incident
	Valle	Paul	S.	Sgt.	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO	<input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO
Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant						
Emp #	Last Name	First Name	Middle I.	Rank		
	Hahnlein	Robert	G.	Lt.		

Watch Commander / Supervising Lieutenant's Signature: _____

Date: **3/28/18**

Copy Provided to Employee by: **[REDACTED]**

Emp #: _____

David Flores

Unit Commander (Print Name)

Unit Commander's Signature: _____

Emp #: _____

Date: _____

FO#

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Original: Discovery Unit
Copy: Unit Commander

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EMPLOYEE / NON-EMPLOYEE INFORMATION

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Employee Witnesses					
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
	Johnson	James	E.		
Unit of Assignment:		Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):		Shift:	
Temple Station		51		<input type="radio"/> EM <input type="radio"/> Day <input checked="" type="radio"/> PM <input checked="" type="radio"/> Regular <input type="radio"/> OT <input type="radio"/> Off Duty	
Emp. #	Last Name	First Name	Middle Name		
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Non-Employee Witnesses					
Last Name		First Name		Middle Name	Age D.O.B.
Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2
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Street Address		City	Zip Code	Phone #1	Phone #2

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SUSPECT INFORMATION

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Suspect Information									
Last Name Nguyen		First Name Christina		Middle Name Hoang		Armed? <input type="radio"/> Select <input type="radio"/> Not Armed			
AKA Last Name		First Name		Middle Name					
Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input checked="" type="radio"/> Female	Race: A	Age: 18	Height: 5'00"	Weight: 115	D.O.B: 8/12/98	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
Street Address:				City:		State & Zip Code:			
Booking #: 4996927		Primary Charge Code: 148(a) PC		Secondary Charge Code:		Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Name: Captain Segreto		Unit: LA Co Fire 47		Phone #: (626) 287-9521			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Rec'd Treatment At: San Gabriel Med Cnt		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>	
By: Dr. Grace Ting		Address: 438 Las Tunas Dr., San Gabriel, Ca.		Phone #: (626) 289-5454					
Under Influence: <input checked="" type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		Substance: Combination		5150 a factor in force? <input type="radio"/> YES <input checked="" type="radio"/> NO		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>			
Date: 5/24/17		Time: 1919		<input type="checkbox"/> Audiotape: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Videotape: <input type="checkbox"/> Photos of Injuries:		<input type="checkbox"/> ADMITS HEARING ANNOUNCEMENTS			

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Sex: <input type="radio"/> Male <input type="radio"/> Female	Race:	Age:	Height:	D.O.B:	Weight:	Phone #1: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C	Phone #2: <input type="radio"/> H <input type="radio"/> W <input type="radio"/> C		
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Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
Treated on Scene? <input type="radio"/> YES <input type="radio"/> NO		By:		Unit:		Phone #:			
Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>		Rec'd Treatment At:		Coroner Case #:		Mental History <input type="checkbox"/>		<small>User's guide provides direction on this entry</small>	
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Suspect Information									
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Booking #:		Primary Charge Code:		Secondary Charge Code:		<input type="checkbox"/> Criminal History			
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**COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT**

INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

INCIDENT: Use of Force, Category 3, Skeletal Fractures

IAB FILE NUMBER: FO2428175

URN: 917-05836-0523-145

DATE/TIME: May 24, 2017, Wednesday, 1730 hours

LOCATION: [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue, Temple City

SYNOPSIS

On May 24, 2017, at approximately 1640 hours, Temple Sheriff's Station received a telephone call of a misdemeanor hit and run that occurred at the intersection of Encinitas Avenue and Las Tunas Drive, in the city of Temple City. The call was dispatched to field units as tag #257 [Exhibit A] and assigned to Unit 52T1, Deputy Tony Yu, # [REDACTED]. The call stated the suspect's vehicle drove away, travelling northbound on Encinitas Avenue. The hit and run vehicle was described as a white 2000 Toyota Camry with front end damage.

When Deputy Yu arrived at the scene, he contacted the victim, who described the suspect driver as a female Asian, in her mid-thirty's, having a light complexion, and had her hair in a ponytail. The victim further stated that the female driver was the only occupant of the vehicle. Deputy Yu also contacted a witness, who said she saw the collision and the white Toyota Camry drive away. The witness followed the Camry and took a photo of the Camry and its license plate. Utilizing Department resources, Deputy Yu checked the license plate number and discovered the registered owner's address was nearby. Deputy Yu directed assisting unit, Deputy [REDACTED] # [REDACTED] to respond to the address ([REDACTED]), to locate the vehicle and suspect.

Deputy [REDACTED] responded to [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue and saw a white Toyota Camry parked in the driveway, toward the rear of the property. Deputy [REDACTED] confirmed the vehicle's license plate number matched the one the witness photographed.

Deputy [REDACTED] walked down the driveway and saw a female Asian leaning into the driver's door of the vehicle, appearing to be searching for something in the center console. Deputy [REDACTED] observed collision damage to the front end of the vehicle, which was consistent to the information he had about the suspect's vehicle.

Deputy [REDACTED] began asking the female (later identified as Suspect Christina Nguyen) questions about who was the owner of the vehicle and if she had recently driven it. Suspect Nguyen was initially vague and avoided answering some of the questions. Eventually she became uncooperative and did not wish to answer Deputy [REDACTED] questions. During his conversation with Suspect Nguyen, Deputy [REDACTED] observed her speech was slow and slurred, her eyes were watery, and her eyelids were droopy. Deputy [REDACTED] believed Suspect Nguyen was possibly under the influence of some unknown substance. Deputy [REDACTED] informed Deputy Yu on the Temple Station L-Tac frequency he found the suspect's vehicle and he was possibly detaining the suspect, who was being uncooperative. Unit 51, Deputy Christopher Ponce # [REDACTED] and Deputy James Johnson # [REDACTED] heard Deputy [REDACTED] radio transmission and began to drive to the Alessandro address.

Once Unit 51 arrived, Deputy Ponce, who was the bookman, exited the patrol car and immediately walked down the driveway to where Deputy [REDACTED] was speaking with Suspect Nguyen near the front portion of the vehicle, on the driver's side. Deputy Johnson momentarily stayed in the patrol car to park it on the street. At this point, both Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Ponce heard Deputy Yu over the L-Tac frequency of his intention to conduct a field show up of the suspected driver with the victim of the collision. Both Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Ponce elected to place Suspect Nguyen in handcuffs to conduct the field show up.

Deputy Ponce approached Suspect Nguyen, who was facing him, and stood to the left of her, while Deputy [REDACTED] positioned himself to the right of her. Deputy Ponce told Suspect Nguyen to turn away from them, toward the vehicle's hood, and to place her hands behind her back. Deputy Ponce also instructed her to place the cell phone she held in her hand, down on the hood. Suspect Nguyen refused to do so and said she wanted to call her attorney. Rather than comply with Deputy Ponce's orders, Suspect Nguyen took a fighting stance by placing her right foot behind her, placing her hands in front of her, and turning her shoulders sideways. Deputy Ponce placed both of his hands on Suspect Nguyen's shoulders in an attempt to turn her around, but she pushed his hands off of her shoulders with her hands. Deputy Ponce re-gripped Suspect Nguyen's shoulders with both of his hands and turned her around to face the vehicle.

While Deputy Ponce stood behind Suspect Nguyen, Deputy [REDACTED] stood to the right of Deputy Ponce. Deputy Ponce grabbed both of Suspect Nguyen's hands and pulled them behind her back. Suspect Nguyen was still holding the cell phone in her right hand and began resisting Deputy Ponce's efforts to keep her hands behind her back. Deputy Ponce was able to pull the cell phone from her right hand. Suspect Nguyen pulled away from Deputy Ponce's grip and was able to free her right hand. Deputy [REDACTED] grabbed a hold of Suspect Nguyen's right arm and placed it behind her back. Deputy Ponce still maintained a hold of Suspect Nguyen's left arm. Suspect Nguyen continued to resist by twisting her body to the left and right while actively attempting to pull her arms away from each deputy.

Both deputies continued to order Suspect Nguyen to stop resisting and to cooperate, however, she continued to resist their efforts. Suspect Nguyen leaned her upper torso over the hood of the vehicle while both deputies stood behind her. Without warning, Suspect Nguyen stood straight up and dropped her body weight downward, toward the ground, in an another attempt to free herself from the deputies' grip on her arms. She was unsuccessful since both deputies maintained a firm grip on her arms.

Deputy Johnson, who had parked the patrol car on the street, walked down the driveway and heard his partner, Deputy Ponce, yelling to someone (Suspect Nguyen) to stop resisting and to place their hands behind their back. As Deputy Johnson walked around the corner of the house, he saw both Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] struggling with Suspect Nguyen. Both deputies were standing behind Suspect Nguyen, who was leaning against the vehicle in the driveway. Deputy Ponce had a hold of Suspect Nguyen's left arm while Deputy [REDACTED] had a hold of her right arm. Both deputies were attempting to handcuff her hands behind her back. Deputy Johnson saw Suspect Nguyen resisting their efforts by struggling to pull her hands from each deputy's grip.

Deputy Johnson did not participate in the arrest. His attention was drawn to a woman ([REDACTED]) who walked out of the back door of the residence. Deputy Johnson instructed Ms. [REDACTED] to go back into the house. She complied. As Deputy Johnson redirected his attention to Deputies Ponce and [REDACTED] he saw Suspect Nguyen bend her knees, dropping her weight toward the ground, in an attempt to break away from the deputies' grip.

Both Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] were able to successfully handcuff Suspect Nguyen's hands behind her back. Deputy Ponce handcuffed both of her hands while Deputy [REDACTED] assisted by holding her right hand in place behind her back.

Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] escorted Suspect Nguyen down the driveway toward an awaiting patrol car parked in the street. Suspect Nguyen cooperated while walking and did not resist being escorted. As Deputy [REDACTED] opened the rear door of the patrol car, Suspect Nguyen pulled away from Deputy Ponce's grasp and lunged toward Deputy [REDACTED]. She kicked toward Deputy [REDACTED] but missed. Deputy Ponce used his body weight and pushed her against the side of the patrol car to keep her from kicking again and to regain control of her.

Deputy Johnson, who was nearby, witnessed Suspect Nguyen's attempt to kick Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Ponce. Deputy Johnson suggested to place a hobble restraint around her ankles. Deputy Ponce placed Suspect Nguyen in the back seat of the patrol car and placed the hobble restraint around her ankles with the help of Deputy [REDACTED]. Suspect Nguyen did not resist the hobble being placed around her ankles.

Field Sergeant Julio Jove # [REDACTED] was requested to respond to the Alessandro address. Once Sergeant Jove arrived, Deputies Ponce and [REDACTED] spoke to him and advised him of their involvement with the force.

Deputy Johnson also spoke to Sergeant Jove and advised him of his observations of the force Deputies Ponce and [REDACTED] used.

Deputy [REDACTED] returned to the patrol car at which time Suspect Nguyen advised him her arm was broken. Suspect Nguyen did not appear to be in any pain or distress. Deputy [REDACTED] immediately requested the fire department respond to the location via his portable radio.

While waiting for the fire department to arrive, Deputy Yu arrived to the scene with the victim of the hit and run collision to conduct the field show up. The victim positively identified Suspect Nguyen as the suspect who crashed into her vehicle and left the scene.

Unit 57A, Deputies Van Lam # [REDACTED] and Jerry Laing # [REDACTED] responded to the scene and escorted the ambulance that transported Suspect Nguyen to San Gabriel Valley Medical Center for medical treatment. Suspect Nguyen was treated by attending physician Grace Ting, MD for a fractured left humerus. For Suspect Nguyen's medical record, see [Exhibit B].

Incident Report (SH-R-49) documenting the incident related to the force are included as [Exhibit C].

Traffic Collision Report (CHP 555) and Complaint Report (SH-R-221) documenting the incident related to the traffic collision, hit and run, and driving under the influence are included as [Exhibit D].

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE AND WORK HISTORY

Christopher J. Ponce, Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]
East Patrol Division
Temple Station

Date of Employment:	July 11, 2013
Date Assigned to Patrol, Temple Station:	December 25, 2016
Date Completed Patrol Training:	[REDACTED]

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy Ponce was wearing a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt, equipped with the following: Duty weapon and two (2) additional magazines, radio, OC spray, expandable baton, and two (2) handcuffs. Deputy Ponce kept a flashlight, a knife, and a hobble restraint in his pants' sap pockets. Deputy Ponce had a shotgun and an AR-15 available in his patrol vehicle.

[REDACTED] **Deputy Sheriff, # [REDACTED]**
East Patrol Division
Temple Station

Date of Employment:
Date Assigned to Patrol, Temple Station:
Date Completed Patrol Training:

October 25, 2006
March 20, 2016

Equipment Worn On Person

Deputy [REDACTED] was wearing a Class "A" uniform with a gun belt, equipped with the following: Duty weapon with two (2) additional magazines, radio, OC spray, expandable baton, two (2) handcuffs, and a knife. Deputy [REDACTED] had a flashlight in one of his pants' sap pockets. Deputy [REDACTED] had a shotgun and a stunbag shotgun available in his patrol vehicle.

SUSPECT INFORMATION

Christina Hoang Nguyen

Female Asian, DOB: August 12, 1998, 5'00"/115

CII # [REDACTED] MAIN # [REDACTED] FBI # [REDACTED]

A copy of Suspect Nguyen's criminal history is included as **[Exhibit E]**.

SUSPECT'S INJURIES

Suspect Nguyen sustained a severely segmented fracture of the left distal humerus. She also sustained small abrasions to her head, left of center, just above her hairline.

Suspect Nguyen was transported to San Gabriel Valley Medical Center by American Medical Response #532 and treated for her injuries by Physician Grace Ting. Suspect Nguyen was medically cleared for booking.

Suspect Nguyen was transported to Temple Station where she was booked and released with citation # AA597729.

DEPUTY PERSONNEL INJURIES

No deputies were injured during this incident.

PHYSICAL EVIDENCE

None

INVESTIGATOR'S OBSERVATIONS

Approximately four and a half hours transpired from the use of force to IAB investigator's observations.

IAB NOTE: IAB investigators received a CD containing scene photographs taken by Temple Station personnel following the incident, and the Watch Commander's suspect interview [Exhibit F]. A second CD was provided to IAB investigators which contained copies of Suspect Nguyen's x-rays from San Gabriel Valley Medical Center [Exhibit G].

WEAPONS USED BY INVOLVED DEPARTMENT PERSONNEL

None

WEAPONS USED BY SUSPECT CHRISTINA NGUYEN

None

PROPERTY DAMAGE BY SUSPECT CHRISTINA NGUYEN

None

CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR AND CHARGES FILED

The criminal investigation was handled by Temple Station Deputy Marvin Payne. Deputy Payne forwarded IAB investigators a copy of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department Scientific Services Bureau Laboratory Report, which indicated Suspect Nguyen's blood screening test showed positive results for cannabinoids and benzodiazepines [Miscellaneous Documents].

On January 22, 2018, Suspect Nguyen was charged in the Alhambra Superior Court with one (1) count of driving under the influence, 23152(a) VC PC, one (1) count of hit and run, 20002(a) VC, and one (1) count of driving without a license, 12500(a) VC. Suspect Nguyen was scheduled to appear on January 31, 2018, for an arraignment hearing.

Suspect Nguyen failed to appear for the hearing. A \$30,000.00 warrant was issued for her arrest on January 31, 2018.

LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS

The incident occurred during daylight hours. The area was illuminated by sunlight. The weather was clear and mild.

WITNESS STATEMENTS

No non-employee witnesses were identified.

EMPLOYEE WITNESSES

EMPLOYEE WITNESS DEPUTY JAMES JOHNSON

Deputy Johnson was working uniformed patrol as Unit 51, PM shift, on May 24, 2017. Deputy Ponce was his partner. Deputy Johnson said he was assigned as Deputy Ponce's field training officer that day. Deputy Johnson drove the patrol car that shift.

Deputy Johnson said he and Deputy Ponce responded to Las Tunas Drive and Encinitas Avenue in response to a hit and run call, tag #257. When Deputy Johnson arrived, he was directed by Deputy Yu to search the area for the suspect and vehicle. While searching, Deputy Johnson heard assisting unit Deputy [REDACTED] on the Temple Station L-Tac frequency say he was possibly detaining the suspect at [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue. Deputy [REDACTED] requested an additional unit to the location because the possible suspect was being uncooperative with him.

Once Deputy Johnson arrived at the location, Deputy Ponce exited the patrol car and immediately walked down the driveway where Deputy [REDACTED] was detaining the suspect. After Deputy Johnson parked the patrol car in the street, he also walked down the driveway and heard Deputy Ponce yelling at the suspect (Suspect Nguyen) to stop resisting and to place her hands behind her back. When Deputy Johnson approached the rear corner of the property, he saw both Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] standing behind Suspect Nguyen, attempting to control her arms. He saw Deputy Ponce holding onto Suspect Nguyen's left arm and Deputy [REDACTED] holding onto her right arm. Deputy Johnson saw both deputies were holding Suspect Nguyen's hands near the middle of her back.

Deputy Johnson said he saw Suspect Nguyen resist the deputies' efforts to handcuff her by trying to pull away from each of their grasps. Deputy Johnson described Suspect Nguyen as a small framed female and he found it unnecessary to get involved in trying to handcuff her. He believed both Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Ponce were able to control her.

Deputy Johnson said Suspect Nguyen was being pushed up against the driver's side of her car, near the hood. Both deputies were standing behind her, trying to hold both of her arms behind her back. Deputy Johnson saw Suspect Nguyen somehow push herself backwards, away from her car, and suddenly bend her knees, causing her weight to drop toward the ground. Both Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] maintained a hold onto each of her arms when she dropped her weight toward the ground.

Deputy Johnson said he was merely observing what Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] were doing. At one point, a female (later identified as [REDACTED] homeowner of [REDACTED]) opened the rear door of the property. Deputy Johnson's attention was diverted to Ms. [REDACTED] who was asking what was occurring.

IAB Note: [REDACTED] was interviewed by Sergeant Jove on the day of the incident. [REDACTED] stated she was not a witness to any of the force. Sergeant Jove video recorded the brief interview, [Exhibit F, MAH00700.MP4].

Deputy Johnson said Suspect Nguyen was eventually handcuffed. He recalled seeing Deputies Ponce and [REDACTED] escorting Suspect Nguyen down the driveway toward a patrol car parked in the street. Deputy Johnson ended his conversation with Ms. Ho and caught up with both deputies and Suspect Nguyen. Once Deputy Ponce placed Suspect Nguyen in the back seat of the patrol car, Suspect Nguyen attempted to kick Deputy Ponce. She extended one of her legs to kick Deputy Ponce's leg, but missed.

Deputy Johnson advised Deputies Ponce and [REDACTED] to apply a hobble device around Suspect Nguyen's ankles. Deputy Johnson felt Suspect Nguyen's legs needed to be restrained since she had been uncooperative during her handcuffing, she had just attempted to kick Deputy Ponce, and Deputy Johnson was concerned Suspect Nguyen would kick out one of the windows of the patrol car. Deputy Johnson saw both Deputies Ponce and [REDACTED] place the hobble restraint around Suspect Nguyen's ankles without resistance.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy Johnson if at any time he heard a "clicking" or a breaking sound coming from Suspect Nguyen's arms, he said no. Deputy Johnson said he never heard Suspect Nguyen complain of any pain to her arm, or make any indication that her arm was broken or injured.

Soon after Suspect Nguyen was detained in the patrol car, Sergeant Jove arrived on scene. Deputy Johnson said he verbally notified Sergeant Jove of the force he witnessed.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS DEPUTY VAN LAM

Deputy Lam stated he was assigned to Unit 57A, PM shift, on May 24, 2017. Deputy Jerry Liang was his partner that afternoon. Both he and Deputy Liang were in the [REDACTED] when Sergeant Jove contacted them over the Temple Station L-Tac frequency. Sergeant Jove requested them to respond to [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue in Temple City to transport a female prisoner.

Deputy Lam said when they arrived to the Alessandro address, Suspect Nguyen was already in the back of an ambulance. Deputy Liang rode in the rear of the ambulance with Suspect Nguyen while Deputy Lam drove the patrol car behind the ambulance to the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center.

While at the hospital, Deputy Lam did not speak to Suspect Nguyen, other than ask her for routine personal information (name, address, etc.). Deputy Lam said he did not know Suspect Nguyen had a broken arm, until she told a triage nurse. Deputy Lam overheard this conversation between Suspect Nguyen and the nurse.

Suspect Nguyen told the nurse she believed a deputy broke her arm by throwing her like a rag doll and "pile driving" her down to the ground.

Deputy Lam recalled he spoke to an unknown triage nurse, informing her Suspect Nguyen was arrested for a hit and run collision, and was brought to the hospital for treatment. Deputy Lam and Deputy Liang stayed with Suspect Nguyen until she was given approval to be booked.

Deputy Lam said Deputy Laing wrote a supplemental report documenting their actions and observations [Exhibit C]. Deputy Lam was present when Deputy Liang typed the report. Deputy Lam said he read Deputy Liang's report and concurred with its contents before it was submitted to Sergeant Jove.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS DEPUTY JERRY LIANG

Deputy Liang stated he was assigned to Unit 57A, PM shift, on May 24, 2017. Deputy Lam was his partner. Deputy Liang said he heard over his portable radio a request for back up to the [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue address for an uncooperative female suspect. When he and Deputy Lam arrived on scene, Deputy Liang said he was tasked to escort the suspect, Suspect Nguyen, to the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center for treatment.

Deputy Liang said he rode in the back of the ambulance with Suspect Nguyen while Deputy Lam followed them in the patrol car. When IAB investigators asked Deputy Liang if Suspect Nguyen made any statements while inside the ambulance, he said she asked where the "white deputy" who beat her was. Suspect Nguyen told Deputy Liang that the deputy broke her arm and she was intending on suing the Department to make money. When IAB investigators asked Deputy Liang if he was questioning Suspect Nguyen, or if she was freely speaking, he said he never asked her any questions, but Suspect Nguyen made spontaneous statements during the ambulance ride to the hospital.

Deputy Liang said once at the hospital, Suspect Nguyen was taken to have an x-ray of her arm, which revealed she had a fractured upper left arm. Deputy Liang told me an unknown physician asked him if it was possible to sustain a fractured arm by simply holding onto the arm. Deputy Liang told the physician it was possible.

Deputy Liang told IAB investigators he had seen a similar fracture several years ago, when his female partner was holding a petite female suspect's arms behind her back. When the suspect dropped her weight down toward the ground, she sustained a similar fracture to the upper arm by the deputy maintaining a hold of the suspect's arms behind her back.

Deputy Liang said Deputy Lam wrote a supplemental report, documenting their actions and observations. Deputy Liang said he read Deputy Lam's report and concurred with its contents before it was submitted to Sergeant Jove.

IAB Note: Deputies Lam and Liang contradicted each other during their interviews as to who wrote the supplemental report. Each deputy stated the other wrote the report. However, according to the supplemental report, Deputy Lam's name was listed first at the end of the report, indicating he was the author.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS LIEUTENANT ROBERT HAHNLEIN

IAB Note: Prior to interviewing Lieutenant Hahnlein, IAB investigators provided him with a copy of the Chief's Memorandum [Miscellaneous Documents] he authored regarding this incident. Also provided, were transcripts to his interview with Suspect Nguyen on May 24, 2017.

Lieutenant Hahnlein stated he was the Temple Station Watch Commander on May 24, 2017, during the PM shift. Lieutenant Hahnlein stated he received a phone call from Sergeant Jove that a use of force occurred in the field. Lieutenant Hahnlein said he and Sergeant Jove interviewed Suspect Nguyen at the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center later that evening.

Lieutenant Hahnlein said when he began interviewing Suspect Nguyen, he noticed she appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. She admitted to Lieutenant Hahnlein she smoked marijuana and combined it with taking her prescribed medication earlier that day. Lieutenant Hahnlein said he could see Suspect Nguyen's left arm was slightly deformed, apparently broken. He said Suspect Nguyen surprisingly did not complain or appear to be in any pain. Suspect Nguyen told Lieutenant Hahnlein an unknown deputy twisted her arm and broke it. She could not identify the deputy who broke her arm.

Lieutenant Hahnlein said he briefly spoke to Deputy [REDACTED] to gather information as to the events of the arrest for the purposes of authoring a Chief's Memorandum [Miscellaneous Documents]. Deputy [REDACTED] told him he located the hit and run suspect, Suspect Nguyen, at the Alessandro address. Deputy [REDACTED] requested back up because Suspect Nguyen was being uncooperative during the detention. Deputy [REDACTED] said when an assisting unit arrived, Deputy [REDACTED] grasped one of Suspect Nguyen's arm and when he did so, he heard a faint click sound coming from her left arm. Deputy [REDACTED] told Lieutenant Hahnlein he was not sure what the sound was, but described it to be a faint sound.

IAB investigators played the video recording of Lieutenant Hahnlein's interview of Suspect Nguyen [Exhibit F, MAH00713.MP4]. After viewing it, Lieutenant Hahnlein recalled Suspect Nguyen described the deputy who broke her arm to be Latino. Suspect Nguyen also admitted she earlier took her prescribed Prozac and Xanax, and smoked marijuana.

EMPLOYEE WITNESS SERGEANT JULIO JOVE

Sergeant Jove stated he was assigned as the Field Sergeant, Unit 50S, PM shift, on May 24, 2017. Sergeant Jove said he was aware that a hit and run collision occurred in Temple City, but he did not respond. He responded to the Alessandro address because a deputy asked him to respond to report his use of force.

Sergeant Jove could not recall how he was notified to respond, but when he arrived, he was contacted by deputies who informed him of their involvement with a use of force. Sergeant Jove could not recall who he spoke to or who advised him of their involvement.

Sergeant Jove said the fire department/paramedics were summoned to treat Suspect Nguyen for an injury to her arm. He did not interview Suspect Nguyen until later at the hospital. Sergeant Jove said he notified Watch Commander, Lieutenant Hahnlein, of the use of force. Both Sergeant Jove and Lieutenant Hahnlein responded to the San Gabriel Valley Medical Center where they interviewed Suspect Nguyen.

Sergeant Jove recalled Suspect Nguyen stated she was from Texas and did not have any insurance for her medical treatment. Suspect Nguyen appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. She would lean her head back and stop talking. At times she asked them not to look at her. Sergeant Jove could not recall if Suspect Nguyen stated she was involved in a traffic collision earlier that day.

IAB investigators played the video recording of Lieutenant Hahnlein's interview of Suspect Nguyen for Sergeant Jove, [Exhibit F, MAH00713.MP4]. Sergeant Jove said he recognized the video and that he operated the camera while Lieutenant Hahnlein interviewed Suspect Nguyen. Sergeant Jove said Suspect Nguyen told them, deputies placed her on the hood of her car and pulled her arms behind her back, up near her shoulders, when she heard a pop sound coming from her arm. Suspect Nguyen said a deputy grabbed her arm and twisted it. Sergeant Jove recalled Suspect Nguyen demonstrated how the deputy twisted her arm by holding Sergeant Jove's arm behind his back and twisting it.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY [REDACTED]

Deputy [REDACTED] stated he was assigned to Unit 52, PM shift, on May 24, 2017. He did not have a partner with him that shift. Deputy [REDACTED] recalled he responded to a hit and run collision in Temple City. The call was being handled by Unit 52T1, Deputy Yu. Deputy Yu asked Deputy [REDACTED] to respond to [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue to look for the suspect (Suspect Nguyen) and her vehicle.

When Deputy [REDACTED] arrived at [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue, he looked down the driveway and saw a car parked toward the rear of the property. The car matched the description provided by Deputy Yu. Deputy [REDACTED] said he walked onto the property from the street, and down the driveway toward the parked car.

As Deputy [REDACTED] approached the car, he saw the license plate number matched the one Deputy Yu provided him. He also observed front end damage, as if the car had recently been involved in a collision. Deputy [REDACTED] observed a female Asian, standing in the driver's door area, reaching into the car, near the center console. Deputy [REDACTED] said Deputy Yu had also said the suspect was described to be a female Asian. At this point, Deputy [REDACTED] felt he located the suspect Deputy Yu was looking for.

Deputy [REDACTED] said he spoke to the suspect (Suspect Nguyen) and began asking her basic questions. When he informed her he was investigating a vehicle collision, Suspect Nguyen became uncooperative by not answering his questions. Deputy [REDACTED] said he spoke to Deputy Yu over the L-Tac frequency and informed him he located the vehicle and the possible suspect, who was being uncooperative. Soon after, Deputy Ponce arrive on scene to assist him.

Deputy [REDACTED] said Deputy Ponce asked Subject Nguyen to turn around and place her hands behind her back. Deputy [REDACTED] stated Deputy Ponce intended to detain her in order to conduct a field show up with a witness to the hit and run. Suspect Nguyen refused to follow Deputy Ponce's directions. Deputy [REDACTED] said he saw Deputy Ponce and Suspect Nguyen standing and facing each other. Deputy [REDACTED] saw Suspect Nguyen take a fighting stance and placed her hands up near her face as if she was about to fight with Deputy Ponce. Deputy [REDACTED] could not remember if Suspect Nguyen's hands were in fists, but he recalled she held onto her cell phone in her right hand. Deputy Ponce placed his hands on her shoulders in an attempt to turn her away from him. However, Suspect Nguyen tried to push his hands off of her shoulders with her hands, but Deputy Ponce was able to maintain his grip on her shoulders and turned her around. Deputy [REDACTED] said he did not assist Deputy Ponce at that time.

Once Deputy Ponce turned Suspect Nguyen away from him, Suspect Nguyen was now facing her car, on the driver's side, near the front tire. Deputy Ponce was able to pull both of her hands behind her back, but when Deputy Ponce took her phone out of her right hand, she pulled her right hand away from Deputy Ponce's grip. Deputy [REDACTED] stepped toward Suspect Nguyen and grabbed her right wrist and forearm while Deputy Ponce held onto her left wrist. Deputy [REDACTED] said he stood to Suspect Nguyen's right side, while Deputy Ponce stood to her left side.

Deputy [REDACTED] stated Suspect Nguyen began twisting her body in an attempt to break away from their grasps on her wrists. At one point, Suspect Nguyen leaned her chest and stomach onto the hood of her car. Suspect Nguyen actively resisted by twisting her body and pulling her arms toward the front of her body. At one point, Suspect Nguyen dropped her body weight toward the ground in an attempt to break free from their grips of her wrists. Deputy [REDACTED] recalled both he and Deputy Ponce gave her several orders to stop resisting and to place her hands behind her back, but she refused to comply.

Deputy [REDACTED] said he noticed Deputy Johnson standing behind them, but never got involved in any of the force. When IAB investigators asked if at any time Suspect Nguyen's arms went higher than the middle of her back, he said he did not know. Deputy [REDACTED] said he maintained control of Suspect Nguyen's right arm, and it never went higher than the middle of her back. He said he held her right arm to the outside of her right hip and her lower back.

Deputy [REDACTED] saw Deputy Ponce placed a handcuff onto Suspect Nguyen's left wrist. Once completed, Deputy [REDACTED] brought her right wrist to her lower back. In this position, Deputy Ponce handcuffed her right wrist. Deputy [REDACTED] said he never heard Suspect Nguyen make any comment or exclamation of pain to her arm at the time they were trying to handcuff her.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy [REDACTED] if he ever told anyone, specifically Lieutenant Hahnlein, he heard a faint click sound come from Suspect Nguyen's left arm, he said he may have told Lieutenant Hahnlein. Deputy [REDACTED] said the click sound he referred to was the clicking sounds of the handcuff being applied by Deputy Ponce. When IAB investigators asked Deputy [REDACTED] if he ever referred the click sound coming from Suspect Nguyen's left arm was the bone in her arm being fractured, he said no.

Deputy [REDACTED] said after Suspect Nguyen was handcuffed, she ceased resisting. Both Deputy [REDACTED] and Deputy Ponce escorted her to Deputy [REDACTED] patrol car. Deputy Johnson was walking behind them, observing. Deputy [REDACTED] said as he was unlocking the doors of the patrol car, he heard Deputy Johnson suggest they put a hobble around her ankles. When IAB investigators asked Deputy [REDACTED] if he ever witnessed Suspect Nguyen attempt to kick Deputy Ponce or anyone else, he said no. Deputy [REDACTED] said he assisted Deputy Ponce and placed the hobble around Suspect Nguyen's ankles without resistance while she was seated in the back seat of the patrol car.

While Suspect Nguyen was in the back seat, she told Deputy [REDACTED] he broke her arm. Deputy [REDACTED] said Suspect Nguyen did not appear to be in any pain or distress. When she told him that her arm was broken, she hardly had any expression of being in any pain. Deputy [REDACTED] said the fire department was immediately requested to the location to render medical aid to Suspect Nguyen.

After Suspect Nguyen was safely secured in the back of his patrol car, Deputy [REDACTED] notified Field Sergeant Jove of his use of force and the force he witnessed Deputy Ponce use to arrest Suspect Nguyen.

INVOLVED EMPLOYEE DEPUTY CHRISTOPHER PONCE

Deputy Ponce stated he was assigned to Unit 51, PM shift, on May 24, 2017. Deputy Johnson was his partner that evening. Deputy Ponce recalled he was assigned as the assisting unit to a hit and run traffic collision in Temple City.

Deputy Yu was the handling unit. When Deputy Ponce and Deputy Johnson arrived to the scene, Deputy Yu directed them to respond to [REDACTED] Alessandro Avenue and assist Deputy [REDACTED] in locating the suspect and the suspect's vehicle wanted for the hit and run collision.

Deputy Ponce said when he arrived at the Alessandro Avenue address, he walked down the driveway toward the rear of the property and saw Deputy [REDACTED] speaking with a female Asian, later identified as Suspect Nguyen. Deputy Ponce said Deputy [REDACTED] was casually speaking to Suspect Nguyen near a car in the driveway. Deputy Ponce said he walked around the car and saw damage to the front end. The vehicle and the location of the damage matched the information Deputy Yu provided them. While inspecting the car, Deputy Ponce said Deputy Yu contacted him on his portable radio and informed him he wanted to conduct a field show up involving Suspect Nguyen and a witness of the hit and run. Deputy Ponce said he approached Suspect Nguyen, who was still near the car, and directed her to turn around and place her hands behind her back. Suspect Nguyen refused to follow his orders. Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen placed her right foot behind her, blading her body, and took a combative stance. Deputy Ponce said he placed both of his hands on her shoulders in an attempt to turn her around, and face her away from him. However, Suspect Nguyen pushed his hands off of her shoulders. Deputy Ponce re-gripped her shoulders with both of his hands and turned her around to face the car. Deputy Ponce said Deputy [REDACTED] was standing to his right.

Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen did not resist him when he turned her around. Deputy Ponce grabbed both of her arms and placed them behind her back without resistance. At that point, Suspect Nguyen was holding onto her cell phone in her right hand. Deputy Ponce said he maintained a hold of both of her hands behind her back with his left hand. With his right hand, Deputy Ponce removed the cell phone from her hand. Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen pulled her right hand away from his grip, but he was still able to maintain control of her left hand with his left hand. Deputy Ponce said Deputy [REDACTED] took hold of her right hand.

Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen began twisting her body and pulling away from their grasps. She began cursing and yelling at them. Deputy Ponce told her several times to stop resisting and said if she did not stop, he would take her down to the ground. Deputy Ponce said his partner, Deputy Johnson, was standing behind them because a female homeowner had emerged from a rear door of the residence. Deputy Johnson did not get involved with Suspect Nguyen.

Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen twisted her upper torso to the left and right which was making it difficult to control her arms behind her back and handcuff her. Deputy Ponce said he continually gave Suspect Nguyen commands to stop resisting and to place her hands behind her back, but she did not comply.

Deputy Ponce said at one point, Suspect Nguyen dropped all of her body weight down toward the ground. Both Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] had to support her by holding onto her arms to prevent her from hitting the ground. Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen's arms remained at the level of her lower and middle back. Her arms never went higher than the middle of her back. When IAB investigators asked Deputy Ponce if either he or Deputy [REDACTED] leaned Suspect Nguyen over the hood of the car, he said he could not recall. When IAB investigators asked Deputy Ponce if Suspect Nguyen ever hit her head on the car, or ever complained that she hit her head on the car, he said no. Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen never made any comment or exclamation of pain to her arm.

Deputy Ponce said he handcuffed Suspect Nguyen's left wrist. Deputy [REDACTED] then gave him her right wrist and Deputy Ponce completed handcuffing her behind her back. Deputy Ponce said he and Deputy [REDACTED] escorted Suspect Nguyen to the patrol car.

When they arrived at the patrol car, Deputy [REDACTED] opened the rear door to place Suspect Nguyen in the back seat. Deputy Ponce said once Deputy [REDACTED] opened the door, Suspect Nguyen lunged toward Deputy [REDACTED] and attempted to kick him on his back. From Deputy Ponce's perspective, it appeared Suspect Nguyen was attempting to kick Deputy [REDACTED] in the back. Both Deputy Ponce and Suspect Nguyen were standing side by side while Deputy [REDACTED] stood in front of them, opening the patrol car's door.

After Suspect Nguyen attempted to kick Deputy [REDACTED] Deputy Ponce and Deputy [REDACTED] applied the hobble restraint around her ankles to prevent her from kicking. Suspect Nguyen did not resist the application of the hobble restraint. She was placed in the back seat of the patrol car with no further incident.

When IAB investigators asked Deputy Ponce if Suspect Nguyen ever complained about her arm being injured, he said he heard her tell Deputy [REDACTED] that her arm was broken. Deputy Ponce said Suspect Nguyen was emotionless, and did not appear to be in any distress or pain. Suspect Nguyen appeared to be under the influence of an unknown substance. Her eyes were droopy and glossy and her speech was slow.

Deputy Ponce said he notified Sergeant Jove of the force he used and the force he witnessed Deputy [REDACTED] used. Deputy Ponce said he made his notification to Sergeant Jove in person and immediately after the incident.

SUSPECT CHRISTINA NGUYEN STATEMENTS

On May 24, 2017, IAB investigators interviewed Suspect Nguyen at the Temple Sheriff's Station jail. Temple Station Deputy Jose Figueroa assisted by video recording the interview [Exhibit H, 00163.MTS].

Initially, Suspect Nguyen denied she drove a car earlier that day and said she did not remember being involved in a traffic collision. IAB investigators explained to Suspect Nguyen they were not questioning her about her criminal case and that they were there to investigate her broken arm. Suspect Nguyen changed her statement and admitted that her car was hit and she parked the car in her driveway. She again denied she was involved in a traffic collision, but said she parked the car in her driveway because it was against city ordinances to park a car in the street during certain times of the day.

Suspect Nguyen said after she parked the car, three deputies approached her and began inspecting her car. The deputies told her she was under arrest without telling her what the charges were. Suspect Nguyen admitted she was uncooperative at first, but then told the deputies she would comply.

Suspect Nguyen said a larger deputy grabbed her arm, twisted it behind her back, and applied pressure to it until it broke. Suspect Nguyen said she never physically resisted the deputies.

Suspect Nguyen said initially two deputies contacted her while she was standing outside her car. She described the deputies to be older white males. Several minutes later, the third deputy arrived. She described that deputy to be large and described him as a black male, 6'03", and weighed approximately 280 pounds.

Suspect Nguyen said the black deputy grabbed her arm, twisted it behind her back, and broke it. She also said the black deputy slammed her head against the car's window. Suspect Nguyen said when she felt her arm break, she told the deputies she would comply. However, the deputy continued to push her down onto the car.

IAB Note: Suspect Nguyen made conflicting statements in her interviews with Lieutenant Hahnlein and IAB investigators. During the interview with Lieutenant Hahnlein, Suspect Nguyen said the deputy who placed her arms behind her back and twisted them was a "Latino officer." However, when Suspect Nguyen was interviewed by IAB investigators later that evening, she described the deputy who placed her arm behind her back and broke it as being a large male black.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

IAB investigators attempted to identify Suspect Nguyen's orthopedic surgeon, who treated her arm after she was released from custody, for an interview. The following is a timeline of the IAB investigator's efforts to interview the surgeon:

December 26, 2017: IAB investigators called Suspect Nguyen's phone number listed in the Incident Report and left a voice message. She did not return the phone call.

December 27, 2017: IAB investigators sent a US Postal Service Certified Letter to Suspect Nguyen's Temple City listed address. The letter was returned to IAB with a forwarding address of [REDACTED] [Miscellaneous Documents, Certified Letter Receipt].

IAB Note: IAB investigators discovered Suspect Nguyen filed a civil lawsuit against the Department, according to Risk Management Bureau records. Her attorney's information was provided.

December 28, 2017: IAB investigators called Suspect Nguyen's attorney's office and left a message with Attorney Michael Smith. Mr. Smith never returned that phone call.

January 11, 2018: IAB investigators again called Suspect Nguyen's attorney's office and spoke to Attorney Michael Chu. Mr. Chu said his office was representing Suspect Nguyen and he would forward me the name and phone number of the orthopedic surgeon. Mr. Chu never called back to provide any information.

January 16, 2018: IAB investigators sent a US Postal Service Certified Letter to the [REDACTED] address. The letter was returned as "Refused" [Miscellaneous Documents, Certified Letter Receipt].

January 16, 2018: IAB investigators called four (4) phone numbers related to Suspect Nguyen. Three (3) of the numbers did not belong to her. IAB investigators left a voice message on the last phone number. Suspect Nguyen never called back.

IAB Note: On February 5, 2018, IAB investigators contacted Medical Service Bureau, Chief Physician Nicolay T. Teophilov, seeking an opinion on Suspect Nguyen's fracture. Dr. Teophilov said he could not render an opinion since orthopedics was not his specialty and it would be a conflict of interest since a lawsuit was pending against the Department.

February 8, 2018: IAB investigators sent a US Postal Service Certified Letter to San Gabriel Valley Medical Center's Doctor Grace Ting. She treated Suspect Nguyen on the day of the incident. The letter was accepted, however Dr. Ting never contacted IAB investigators [Miscellaneous Documents, Certified Letter Receipt].